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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

Education Enrichment Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2011

Attendees: Mark Ezrin, Yvette Thomas, **City staff:** Tim Smith “Smitty” and Maureen Herndon
Excused: Ellie Eldridge, Teresa Wright

I. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

A. Welcome:

B. Old Business:

1) Reading Tree Program:

Staff updated the Committee on the growing success of Reading Tree program, which is working on donating its second set of 5000 books to one of the City's Title One Schools. Gaithersburg Elementary School was already given 5000 books. Staff is going to research the possibility of moving the bin located at the Activity Center to a more visible location. Committee members were thanked for assisting with the Reading Tree Booth at the Book Festival.

2) Mayor's Book Club:

Updates were given to the committee regarding the 2011 Mayor's Book Club reading and pizza party held at Fields Road ES on June 9th.

C. New Business:

1) GREAT Funds:

FY12 Grant recommendations were reviewed in regards to the designated GREAT funds totaling \$6,170. Smitty presented the “Education and Recreation After School Program” Pilot that would be offered at one elementary school in the fall. This program would combine tutoring with recreation and would serve 60 students.

Possible elementary schools to be included in the future would be: Gaithersburg; Washington Grove; Brown Station; Fields Road; and Summit Hall. Committee approved the designation of \$2,500 for this program. Discussion will continue at the July meeting regarding the selection of schools and the use of the remaining \$3,670 in the GREAT budget. To assist in determining the use of the GREAT balance for FY 12, staff will develop of list of programs and transportation grants provided with these monies in FY11.

2) Principal/Counselors/PTA Presidents Annual Event:

Committee members requested that the July meeting focus on the Principals/ Counselors/PTA Presidents' annual event in August.

II. NEXT MEETING: Friday, July 8th, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. in the Wells Robertson

Respectfully Submitted by: Maureen Herndon
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